

Public End of Day Summary for 4/21/2020

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Operational Activity

Incident Name: COVID-19 Public Health Response

Incident Start: March 6, 2020

Operational Time Period Summarized: 8:00 AM 4/21/2020 to 5:00 PM 4/21/2020

Incident Commanders: Stephanie Browning and Scott Clardy

Agency: Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services

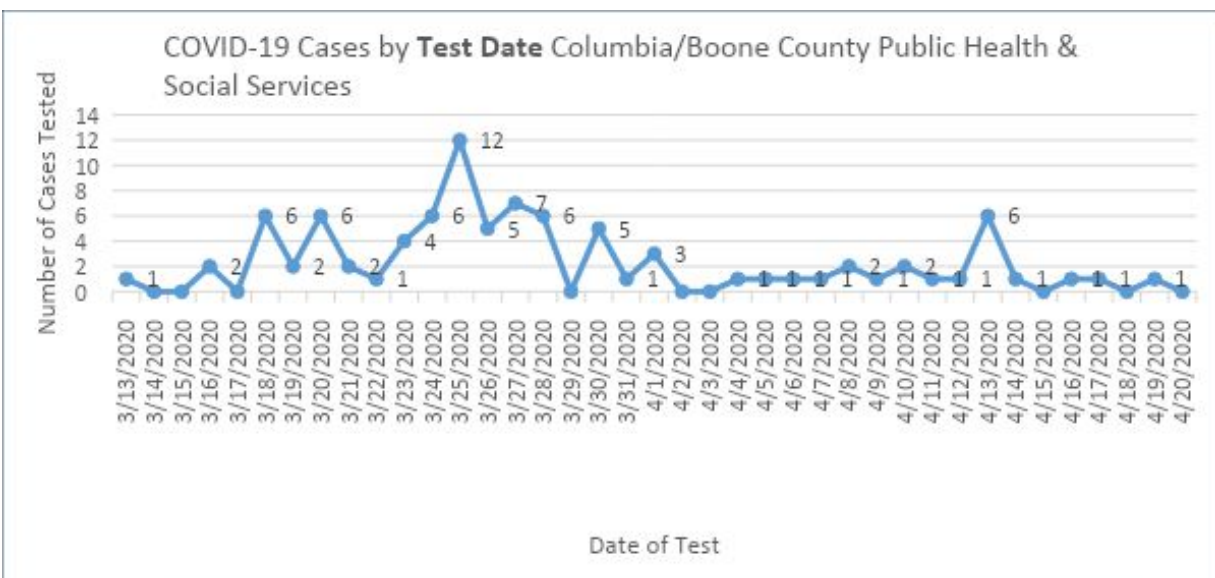
Incident Definition: Response to emerging Novel Corona Virus, now known as COVID-19. This includes-

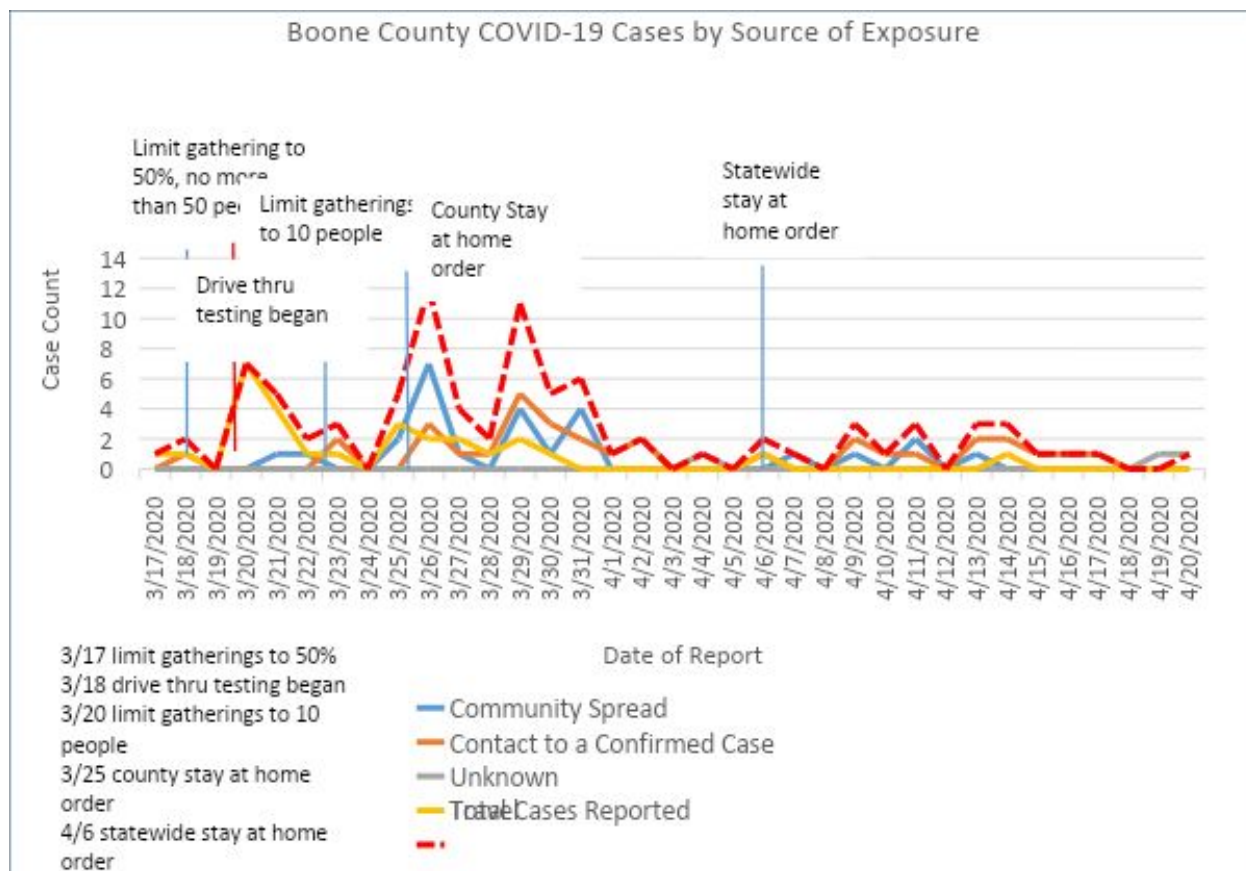
- Addressing general public concerns regarding COVID-19
- Providing guidance to stakeholders regarding COVID-19
- Provide symptom monitoring to identified travelers
- Provide surveillance of COVID-19 in community

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Summary of COVID Cases

| # of Positive COVID Cases in MO | # of Positive COVID Cases in Boone |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Current: 9 |
| Deaths: 189 | Recovered: 80 |
| Total: 5,941 | Deaths: 1 |
| | Total: 90 |





Situation Summary:

On March 16, 2020 the City of Columbia declared a state of emergency within the city to respond to COVID-19. The resolution includes calling for proactive measures to protect the public health, safety and welfare; expressing support for and calling upon City Manager John Glascock and Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning to enact regulations to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

There are 90 confirmed cases in Boone County, a patient passed away on 3/18/2020, and 63 have recovered from the COVID 19 illness.

A total 5,941 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 177 of those cases have died. A list of cases reported by county can be found The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services operates a website reporting reported cases of COVID 19 in Missouri at:

<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/results.php>

A “Stay at Home” Public Health Order went into effect for City of Columbia and all of Boone County beginning at 8 AM on 3/25/2020.

Cepheid Received Emergency Use Authorization from FDA for Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Test on 3/21/2022, a 45 minutes test for the virus that causes COVID-19.

Boone County Office of Emergency Management opened a virtual EOC on 3/17/2020 to facilitate the coordination of efforts and resources to keep Boone County safe during COVID-19 response efforts.

The City of Columbia Neighborhood Services, in their role as Volunteer Coordination of the Boone Emergency Response Plan, has activated a COVID 19 Volunteer webpage, it can be found here:

<https://www.como.gov/volunteer/covid/>

The City of Columbia has a dedicated webpage that provides a summary of City of Columbia services as they related to COVID-19 and it can be found here: <https://www.como.gov/coronavirus/>

As ESF-6 lead, City of Columbia Division of Human Services has activated a COVID-19 Get Help webpage website to list key human services resources needed during the pandemic: COVID-19 Get Help (<https://www.como.gov/health/gethelp-coronavirus/>).

As ESF-6 lead, City of Columbia Division of Human Services has organized five local funders (City, County, United Way, Community Foundation, and VU Foundation) in a collaborative called ComoHelps (<http://comohelps.org>). Through this collaborative we have consolidated financial donations for the COVID-19 response. Financial contributions are being routed to the Heart of Missouri United Way and the Community Foundation of Central

Missouri. Nonprofit and governmental volunteer needs are posted, along with the opportunity for community members to sign up as unaffiliated volunteers for assignment as needed.

ComoHelps also developed a single, joint application for nonprofits to submit requests for funding. This expedites access to support for nonprofits and allows us to coordinate funding used in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ComoHelps collaborative meets daily to review and prioritize requests and to allocate funding. The current focus is on funding services being provided in response to COVID-19. Requests for nonprofit sustainability are being referred to federal CARES Act programs and tabled for later consideration. Because this funding collaborative is so unique, ComoHelps have received grants from state and national foundations.

Missouri Governor Parson declared a State Emergency on March 13, 2020 to make state resources available to local jurisdictions and activate certain authorities. On March 21, 2020 he issued an updated order for social distancing. It can be found here:

<https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-directs-dhss-director-require-social-distancing-statewide>

Governor Parson issued a statewide stay at home order to begin on 4/6/2020. The stay at home order can be found here: <https://governor.mo.gov/priorities/stay-home-order>

On 3/22/2020 MUHC moved to Level III response which prohibits visitors in the hospital.

MU Healthcare opened a drive thru COVID 19 testing site. To have a specimen collected at this site an individual must have a paper copy of a physician's lab order with them or have a lab order in the MU electronic record system. **The site changed its hours of operation to Mon-Fri 8 AM to 7 PM, Saturday 8 AM to Noon, and closed on Sundays.**

Boone Hospital opened a drive thru COVID 19 testing site. To have a specimen collected at this site an individual must have insurance, a photo ID, and a physician's lab order with them. **This site's hours of operation are Mon-Fri 8 AM-4:30 PM, and Saturdays 8 AM to Noon, closed on Sundays.**

All states have issued a State at home Order, except for Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Arkansas, Oklahoma and South Carolina.

Long Term Healthcare Facilities have been told to be closed to visitors. Guidance for Long term health care facilities with a COVID 19 case has been released by DHSS on 4/2/2020.

Social Security offices have been closed Nation Wide.

The White House indicated that foreclosures and evictions on homeowners will be suspended until at least the end of March if the mortgages are insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

President extends social distancing guidance to last through the month of April.

CDC has updated guidance on ending self-isolation that does not require two negative tests. Missouri DHSS is still requiring 2 negatives tests that are 24 hours apart until a positive case can leave self-isolation and Boone County will follow DHSS guidance.

CDC has begun recommending all individuals wear facemasks to reduce the chance of transmission while out in public as of 4/3/2020.

CDC has prepared an FAQ and updated guidance for Faith Based Leaders
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

CDC released an FAQ for cloth face coverings
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-faq.html>

CDC released guidance that children under the age of 2 should not wear masks because of suffocation risk.

DHSS cites the need for contact tracing for COVID-19 should begin 2 days (28 hours) prior to the date of onset of symptoms for the case.

Daniel Boone Regional Library will remain closed through Mid-May and has cancelled all May library events.

As announced by Missouri Governor Parson on 4/9/2020, all public schools will be closed to in class education and continue with remote learning through the end of the academic school year.

Columbia Independent School will close on campus learning beginning March 18 and use e-learning until April 24.

Tolton and Our Lady of Lourdes closed as of 3/18/2020 and will remain closed until May 4.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has expanded coverage for telehealth services.

The state of Missouri has the following criteria stated for testing an individual to have a specimen tested at the State Health Lab:

Most up to date can be found at:

<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus-lpha/pdf/mo-pui-guidance.pdf>

MoDHSS hotline staffed by medical professionals: 877-435-8411

Providers can have COVID-19 lab tests performed by private labs, any positive case is reported to the county of resident for the individual whose specimen tests positive, negative results do not have to be reported by private labs.

At Risk Population: Older Adults (60 years of age or older), People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, and People with Chronic Health Conditions (Heart Disease, Lung Disease or Asthma, Diabetes, People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment, or people who are severely obese)

Areas with Sustained Transmission:

- COVID 19 has reached global transmission. To view Risk Assessment for COVID 19 per country visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>
- States with more than 2,000 cases: New York, New Jersey, Michigan, California, Massachusetts, Florida, Illinois, Washington, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Texas, Colorado, Connecticut, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, Arizona, Missouri, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Alabama, Nevada, Mississippi, D.C, Utah, Delaware, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa

Operations Report

Significant Events from Operational Period:

- Prepared council memos for food establishment inspection fees.
- Created letter for county food establishment inspection fees to delay collection,
- Created pool and grocery store guidance documents for reopening.
- Reported an increase in complaints of public regarding lack of compliance with social distancing guidelines.
- Attended presentation provided by Show-ME ECHO (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) with the subject of modeling of when COVID has/will peak in Missouri and how “dead virus” may still give a positive test result.
- Reached out to city and county legal departments to intervene in the lack of compliance of stay at home orders.
- Continued work on strategy and message development for the anticipated roll back of social distancing guidelines.
- Contributed content and facilitation in the development of a contract for FACE to meet the mental health needs of the community. The contract will allow private practitioners to operate with FACE for 6 sessions per individual, and no insurance will be required.
- Continued work on the development of a crisis hotline for first responders.
- Preparing a Public Health order if needed to continue stay at home guidance past the original PH order that expires this Friday.
- Preparing guidance for what a “new normal” at PHHS and for the community as a whole.
- Received communication regarding the gradual reopening plans of University Hospital and Boone Hospital and will now begin participating in a weekly phone call among local hospitals.
- Worked on negotiations for the Isolation and Quarantine Center.
- Worked on supplying nurse PPE kits.
- Received updates about COVID 19 testing at various health facilities to have an operational understanding of current testing operations in the county.
- Reviewed commercial construction social distancing plans.
- Completed Plexiglass barriers to protect staff working at lobby desks
- Obtained supplies for the increase in mailings that PHHS staff is doing as a result of remote work/social distancing with clients.
- Continued case and contact investigations.
- Continued working with Community Relations on the development of guidance and social media content.